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## Pancake Day planned for Saturday

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day 2021 event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by email at [donnasiders@hotmail.com](mailto:donnasiders@hotmail.com) or by calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for only \$150.

## NMPL plans summer reading events

North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) summer reading events have been planned, including Roz Puppets on the NMPL lawn: 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 16; Chillz Event: From 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 30; NMPL Pool Party: From noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 7; Activities at the North Manchester Farmer's Market: From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17; Slime Spectacular on the NMPL lawn: From 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 21; and Little Book Shop on Market Street: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 30; and Saturday, July 31. For more information, visit [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us).

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# ISDH to close OptumServe testing sites

Parkview Wabash FirstCare Walk-In Clinic will remain open locally

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday, the Indiana Department of Health (ISDH) announced they would be closing COVID-19 testing sites run by OptumServe Health Services effective June 30.

With the change, Parkview Wabash Hospital president Marilyn J. Custer-Mitchell said for free testing, Wabash County residents will have to visit a state-run testing site.

Custer-Mitchell said Huntington, Miami and Kosciusko counties all have free testing sites still open.

"Also, many physicians' offices are now doing Rapid Testing, as is the Parkview Health Walk-In Clinic," said Custer-Mitchell. "These sites are not free sites, but people can call the various offices to see if they are providing testing."

Parkview Health public relations manager Tami Brigle said the COVID-19 diagnostic testing remains available at the Parkview FirstCare Walk-In Clinic in Wabash, but that the ISDH website still lists it as being at the

Cass Street location. Brigle said the site was moved to 8 John Kissinger Drive at the Parkview Wabash medical office building earlier this year.

"Patients will need to be seen by a provider to determine if testing is appropriate," said Brigle. "Diagnostic testing is most appropriate for people with active COVID-19 symptoms, including but not limited to cough, fever and shortness of breath."

According to the ISDH, the decision to close the OptumServe was made "now that a robust community-led testing network is in place, including pharmacies, providers,

clinics and local health departments."

"The partnership, which is concluding after 14 months, was announced by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb in April 2020 to bring large-scale testing to Hoosiers and remove barriers to testing by providing free and nearby access at a time when community resources were limited," stated the ISDH.

Since May 6, 2020, more than 541,000 free COVID-19 tests have been provided at an OptumServe site, according to the ISDH.

"We are grateful to OptumServe for its work to ensure that Hoosiers had COVID

testing available to them while we worked to build more local capacity," said State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG. "Without their work, many Hoosiers who were exposed to COVID or showing symptoms might never have known their status. I have no doubt that having this resource available helped reduce the spread of COVID in our state."

At its peak, OptumServe provided testing in 53 counties. Currently, 30 counties have an OptumServe testing site. Throughout 2020 and

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## 'Cookies and Canvas'



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

North Manchester Public Library (NMPL), programming coordinator Heidi Lovett demonstrates the proper technique for those in attendance.

## The monthly NMPL series returns Monday with 'Summer Is My Favorite Color'

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At last month's Cookies and Canvas event at the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL), programming coordinator Heidi Lovett was demonstrating the proper way to mix colors for the aspiring artists in attendance.

"To make this light blue all I did was take a brush and scoop white paint and just a dab of this lighter-color blue," said Lovett.

Lovett said the painters before her could use a sponge or a brush.

"Get it to a light blue you like," said Lovett. "If you want to add more you can."

True to the name of the program, there were also cookies available for those in attendance. (Individually wrapped, of course. For safety.)

For the May event, the theme was patriotic in preparation for the then-upcoming Memorial Day holiday.

As the painters mixed their paint and applied it to the canvas, Lovett reminded them that it was perfectly acceptable if things weren't looking exactly as they planned.

"It's OK if your background isn't beautiful. We're covering most of it," she said.

The NMPL's Cookies and Canvas series will return this month at 6 p.m. Monday, June 14 in the Blocher Community Room.

This month's theme will be, "Summer Is My Favorite Color."

Lovett said the series is available to both hobby painters and beginners alike.



The NMPL's Cookies and Canvas series will return this month at 6 p.m. Monday, June 14 in the Blocher Community Room.



The Cookies and Canvas class is designed for teens and adults ages 13 and over and requires registration.

Each event features step-by-step instructions and lightly sketched outlines to "take participants on a journey towards a beautiful

masterpiece."

"The fun themes are perfect for porch hangings, mantel decorations and special gifts for family and

friends," said Lovett.

The Cookies and Canvas class is designed for teens

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## Employers, not schools to register teen workers

State law change goes into effect July 1

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A new law which goes into effect next month will include several changes to how schools and employers will deal with teenage employees.

Earlier this month, the Indiana Department of Labor's (IDOL) new Youth Employment System (YES) went live, opening the door for Hoosier employers to begin using the system to comply with a new youth-employment law that goes into effect July 1.

The new law requires Indiana employers who hire five or more minor employees under the age of 18 per location, to list those employees in the new YES registry.

Grow Wabash County (GWC) president and CEO Keith Gillenwater said he had not had any direct contact with businesses about this change, but that he thought "most small businesses would benefit from this change and seemingly streamlined

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## Honeywell Pool still in need of more lifeguards

Limited hours remain as YMCA conducts additional certification courses

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Mark C. Honeywell Pool will remain open on a limited schedule as the shortage of available lifeguards continues.

On Thursday, Wabash parks superintendent Adam Hall said the Wabash County YMCA is in the middle of a certification course that may yield up to seven new certified guards.

"Hopefully we can get some of them to work at the Honeywell Pool and then we may be able to open a few more days," said Hall.

During an emergency Wabash Parks Board meeting late last month, the board voted to open the pool on a limited basis starting Memorial Day weekend due to the lack of available and certified

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# First love

By **ROBB RENSBERGER**

Traditionally June has been the most popular month for weddings, but that is not the case anymore. Now, September and October are more popular months for weddings. Even as far back as the late '80s, October weddings were increasing and June weddings were decreasing. June had been popular because of the mild weather, but now September and October are popular because of the autumn foliage.

Weddings are special because of the love the groom and bride are expressing to each other. It is an almost euphoric time in the lives of the couple. They are, excuse the expression, high on love.

This euphoric time, also known as the honeymoon time, ends at some point.

There is no set time, it could be a few days, a few weeks or a few months. Hopefully, it is more than just a few hours. But end it will.

The reality of everyday

life will cause the honeymoon time to end. This is why it is so important for the groom and bride to understand their love has to be more than just a loving euphoric feeling. It is also important for them to understand the need to continue dating each other to keep the romance alive.

Daily life will cause them to neglect their relationship if they allow it. Even the good things in life; like work, hobbies, children, church activities and housework and yard work can cause a couple to neglect their relationship with each other.

It takes intentionality to their relationship to keep the romance alive, to keep their love for each other front and center. They must make their relationship a priority.

The same can be said for our relationship with Jesus. We need to be intentional about keeping our love alive for Jesus and we need to make this relationship a priority.

When we first come to Jesus and experience the life change He offers, there is often a loving euphoric feeling. But our relationship with Jesus has to be more than just a loving euphoric feeling. It has to be more because at some point this feeling will end.

When it ends, we need to have a solid grounding in Jesus. Otherwise, we will lose interest in our relationship with Jesus and fall away.

As with marriage, all the good things in life; like work, hobbies, children, church activities and serving opportunities, and housework and yard work, and I will add our marriage, can cause us to neglect our relationship with Jesus.

So what are you doing to keep your relationship with Jesus front and center?

What are you doing to keep it a priority? What distractions can you remove from your life to focus on your relationship with Jesus?

*Robb Rensberger is the senior pastor of the First Church of God.*

## Local students named to Ivy Tech Fort Wayne, Warsaw spring 2021 dean's list

### STAFF REPORT

Ivy Tech Community College has announced the spring 2021 dean's list for the Fort Wayne Campus and the Warsaw Site, according to media relations and communications director Jessica Neuenschwander.

The dean's list, prepared and published each term, gives recognition to degree-seeking students, achieve a minimum 3.50 grade point average in non-academic skills advancement courses with no Ds or Fs, earn six or more Ivy Tech credits during the semester and have earned at least 12 non-Academic

Skills Advancement (ASA) credits during their course of study.

#### Fort Wayne Campus

- Kaylei Blair, of Wabash
- Lauren Border, of Wabash
- Heather Enyeart, of North Manchester
- Kyle Grizzle, of North Manchester
- Jennifer Harry, of Wabash
- Jillian Hilton, of Lagro
- Erica King, of Wabash
- Jessica Metzger, of North Manchester
- Skyler Michel, of North Manchester
- Ruth Niccum, of Wabash

- Jacob Parker, of Lagro
- Kira Pattee, of Roann
- Terrence Paul, of Wabash
- Elisabeth Rehak, of Lagro
- Grant Strobel, of North Manchester

#### Warsaw Site

- Abigail Deuter, of Wabash
- lillian Myers, of North Manchester
- Isaiah Pierce, of North Manchester
- Angela Sincroft, of North Manchester
- Jasmine Slone, of North Manchester
- Riley Weitzel, of Wabash



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### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Saturday</b> Scattered T-storms 89 / 69	 <b>Sunday</b> Sunny 84 / 61	 <b>Monday</b> Sunny 87 / 63	 <b>Tuesday</b> Sunny 82 / 55	 <b>Wednesday</b> Sunny 78 / 56
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 9:11 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:15 a.m.

 First 6/17	 Full 6/24	 Last 7/1	 New 7/9
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 90°, humidity of 57%. Southeast wind 2 to 6 mph. The heat index for today could reach up to 91°. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 68°. Northwest wind 2 to 6 mph.

## Salamonie Senior Luncheon planned for Monday, July 5

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, July 5, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

Anyone age 50 or older

is welcome to attend.

Join Huntington County Purdue Extension educator Caroline Everidge, as she gives tips and tricks on "Safety from Scams."

The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage

and their table service. The main dish is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. A \$1 donation will be accepted to help defray costs.

Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

## Wabash Middle School announces fourth nine weeks honor roll

Wabash Middle School has announced its honor roll for fourth nine weeks, according to a press release.

#### Fifth Grade High Honor Roll

Quinnlynn Campbell, Kaylence Cole, Riley Flack, Noah Glenn, Ella Harrell, Alexis Indrutz, Gabriel LePage, Michael LePage, Anneleissa Lujan, Jack Payton, Ellie Proffitt, Copper Sapusek, Noah Sarll, Taylin Shepherd, Alyssa Sheridan, Mackey Sorg, Caleb Thompson, Zoe Vail and Addison Wischman.

#### Fifth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Carson Amburgey, Tan-nis Barber, Mason Bartley, Christian Bean, Gracie Bearman, Kaitlyn Brewer, Hunter Burton, Jude Butterbaugh, Rylan Castle, Alaura Cressell, Gunner Cressell, Marcus Davidson, Alyssa Doss, Clover Eaton, Ian Edmond, Piper Ellet, Evelyn Grimm, Isabella Hackworth, Adrian Haughn, Carly Haylsett, Colyn Heitz, Abigail Helsel, Colten Judy, Brycen Kelly, Mackenzie Krieger, Ava Lynn, Aiden Mahan, John Mathias, Madalyn Mertz, Jabin Miles, Harrison Mills, Larry Noland, Kamden Oswald, Rayanna Plotner, Lukoda Ricketts, Gabbiellah Rojas, Pasyn Schuler, Ayanna Sellers, Jackson Sellers, Caitlyn Shidler, Leah Sluss, Mar-

tha Steller, Layla Stevens, Lilly Stevens, Beatrix Thomas, Ashton Thurman and Alayna Williams.

#### Sixth Grade High Honor Roll

Brenda Alspach, Makena Bechtold, Ezra Church, Lucas Coffman, Chloe Cooper, Braelyn Eis, Mia Fairchild, Violet George, Sally Harrell, Grace Harrington, Leeairah Hicks, Rinka Higuera, Haiden McWhirt, Phillip Palmer, Tyler Partenheimer, Colin Patton, Vivien Ploughe, Oliver Sapusek, Clayton Shepler, Mallory Tart, Averie Turner, Emma VanCamp and Harley Zumbrun.

#### Sixth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Amanda Alspach, Luke Blossom, Andi Conliff, Kierstin Fager, Haylee Figgert, Kinzie Flack, Jasmin Garcia, John Harris, Shailynn, Harrison, Serenity Hubbard, Syler Keirse, Caydence Kime, Madalyn Lynn, Jaxon McCollum, Karson Mckenzie, Jarrett McWhirt, Aubri Merrell, Alyana Mettler, Paige Miller, Quinn Myers, Victoria Petty, Thomas Tracy, Keisha Wilcox and Kholye Wood.

#### Seventh Grade High Honor Roll

Ava Bishir, Kendall France, Jaycee Jones, Victoria Koselke, Alison Mc-coart, Danielle Sarll, Brett Shull and Andrea Stout.

#### Seventh Grade Regular Honor Roll

Caidan Burchett, Kalli Davis, Ella France, Haylee Friend, Drew Guenin-Hodson, Gabriella Hall, Matthew Hipskind, Maya Howard, Keaton Lane, Kyr-on Mahan, Makayla Pel-phrey, Derek Reed, Amaya Sellers, Ethyn Sluss, Abigail Smith, Sadie Teel, Mya Whitaker and Logan Wright.

#### Eighth Grade High Honor Roll

Olivia Braun, Caden Carmichael, Madyson Coffee, Ashton Coffman, Ella Colvin, Harper Golliher, Ella Hartley, Nonoka Higuera, Abigail Hipskind, Alisha Hylsop, Kenley McWhirt, Kasen Oswald, Coltyn Sellers, Kristian Stanton, Cole VanCamp, Isabel-la Vander Velden, Emma Weaver, Madison White and Kamryn Wilcox.

#### Eighth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Kaeya Barton, Ivy Beam-er, Ashtrid Burns, Tyson Carpenter, Caroline Catt, Nataleigh Combs, Avry Dugan, Cameron Ewing, Levi Fairchild, Gretta France, Hayley France, Chaz Harris, Trever Herron, Chase Howard, Shaylee Jacobs, Lacie Jones, Natalie King, Riley King, Gavin Palmer, Elijah Peters, Jillian Sailors, Mackenzie Sarll, Had-ley Schuler, Drake Sparling, Janika Stumbo, Brad Kit Tindugan, Macy Von Uhl and Trevor Wuensch.


## Saint Mary's College names Isabel France, of Wabash, to the dean's list

Isabel France, of Wabash, has been named to the Saint Mary's College dean's list for the spring 2021 semester, according to a press re-

lease.

To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA)

of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incom-pletes, and no grades lower than a C.



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# Obituaries

## Roy Mitchell Stephens

Nov. 1, 1936 – June 8, 2021

Roy Mitchell Stephens, 84, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 2:40 pm, Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at his home. He was born on Nov. 1, 1936, in Lackey, Kentucky, to Gaylord and Maudie (Smith) Stephens.



Roy married Mary Gibson in Wabash on Jan. 2, 1988. He worked at Celotex Corporation in Lagro, retiring after 43 years. Roy was affiliated with the Southside Free Will Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, squirrel hunting, and sitting on the front porch in his rocking chair.

He is survived by his wife Mary Stephens of Wabash; seven children, James “Jim” Stephens of Wabash, Brenda (Dave) Jackson of Urbana, Indiana, Theresa (Joel) Dossen of Huntington, Indiana, T. Scott Gibson of Wabash, Ervin (Krista) Nickels of Huntington, Michael Nickels of Kingsport, Tennessee, and Shannon (Brooke) Summey of Bonita Springs, Florida, 18 grandchildren, 11

great grandchildren, sister, Phyllis Hill of Wabash, two brothers, Bobby Stephens of Wabash, and Roger (April) Stephens of Battle Creek, Michigan, and his special caregivers, Anna Branson and Tina Eakright, both of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Cherlyn Rider, brother, Jerome Stephens, and two sisters, Virginia “Jenny” Webb and Shelby Jean Stephens.

Funeral services will be 11 am, Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Tim Webb officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 9:30-11 am Saturday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Alzheimer’s Association.

The memorial guest book for Roy may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## James Anthony Santoro

Services for James Anthony Santoro will be 11 am, Tuesday, June 15, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel.

Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call from 9:30 am – 11 am, Tuesday.

## Betty Jean Roser

Graveside services and burial for Betty Jean Roser are in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Visitation is 3-7pm Tuesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bendare Chapel, North Manchester.

## TESTING

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early 2021, more community-based providers, clinics and pharmacies have been able to offer COVID-19 testing, reducing the need for Optum sites. In addition, local health departments received state grants in the fall of 2020 to open nearly 100 testing sites.

Box said demand for testing has decreased across the state and noted that free testing will remain available at more

than 250 sites after the Optum sites close.

“While our case counts have fallen significantly, we must continue to take steps to reduce the spread of disease,” Box said. “We remain committed to ensuring that any Hoosier who wants or needs to be tested can receive that testing in a location that’s convenient.”

For more information, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov).

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## TEEN WORK

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approach.”

“A web-based solution for this seems to make a lot of sense, and most of our smallest businesses are likely employing less than five minor employees,” said Gillenwater. “As always, GWC will be happy to work with any local businesses who this affects if they have questions or concerns to help them work through it.”

The change is part of amendments to Indiana Code 22-2-18.1-26 made during the 2020 state legislative session, which also mandated implementation of the YES registry and effective date of employer registration by July 1.

The new requirement will eliminate the need for work permits in Indiana for minor employees, and shift the responsibility of tracking and reporting youth employment from schools to employers.

“We wanted the system to go live a month before the law goes into effect so employers can set up their accounts, test-

drive the system, and learn their way around it,” said Bureau of Youth Employment director Michael Myers.

Required information will include the employers’ corporate and individual facility location, and minor employee information, such as name and age, once the minor is officially employed. Upon termination of employment, the employer must remove the minor’s information from the YES active-employee registry.

As of July 1, employers who fail to comply with the new registration requirements may face penalties of up to \$400 per infraction.

The new YES requirement will not impact the state’s work-hour requirement for minors, and all employers must still comply with the Teen Work Hour Restrictions and Prohibited and Hazardous Occupation restrictions for minors.

For more information, visit [www.dol.in.gov/youthemployment.htm](http://www.dol.in.gov/youthemployment.htm).

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## POOL

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lifeguards.

During that meeting, Hall said Wabash County YMCA director of Amy Johnson was in the process of organizing the classes.

Hall said they were able to have non-certified employees run the slide and the front window at the pool to help ease the staffing burden somewhat.

Hall said they had to have four certified lifeguards on hand, which is the minimum required on the deck area, and that they would ideally have 14 certified lifeguards total in the rotation.

Hall said they wanted to wait to sell pool passes for the summer until they could pin down the exact opening

schedule for the rest of the season.

The board then voted unanimously for the pool to be open from Saturday, May 29 to Monday, May 31.

The board then also voted unanimously to put a hold until further notice on the sale of passes and the booking of parties until staffing is figured out.

Hall said after Memorial Day weekend the plan was for the pool to be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays each week.

Hall said he would make the final call based on how many lifeguards are available.

For more information, visit [www.wabashcountymca.org](http://www.wabashcountymca.org).

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## PULSE

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### Honeywell announces 2021 Summer Plaza Music Series

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment’s Summer Plaza Music Series is returning to the Honeywell Center Carpenter Plaza, featuring performing groups from 5 to 7 p.m. every Thursday through July 1. This year’s line-up includes: Chris Worth on Thursday, June 17; Sparrow 5 on Thursday, June 24; and Mississinewa Valley Swing Band on Thursday, July 1 The Summer Plaza Music Series is free and open to the public. Food from the Plaza Grille will be available during all performances, including burgers, hot dogs, nachos and cheese, and more. In the case of inclement weather, performances will be canceled. For more information, visit [HoneywellArts.org/plaza](http://HoneywellArts.org/plaza).

### Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for June 17 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

### Salamonie to hold Summer Day Camp and Family Overnight

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services will hold a Summer Day Camp and Family Overnight program from Thursday, June 17 to Friday, June 18 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants may expect forest discovery, hiking, live animals, crafts, games, water fun, canoeing and evening activities for camping families. Camping families should plan to bring their tents and camping gear. Campers from ages 7 to 12 need to bring their lunches each day. On Thursday, June 17, meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. for the day camp portion. Activities will resume from 7 to 8 p.m. for a Sound Bite program. On Friday, June 18, meet from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 per child for both days and \$30 for one day. Additional siblings per family will receive a \$5 discount. A small snack will be provided each day. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

### Second Harvest to hold a tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

### Project Learning Tree Workshop to be held

Educators are invited to participate in a Project Learning Tree (PLT) K-8 workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 9 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The workshop fee of \$23 includes a copy of the guide. The fee is payable by check (made out to IFEF/PLT) or cash, payable on the day of the workshop. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages will be provided. Advance registration is required with a deadline of Friday, July 2. Limited space is available. For more information, call 260-468-2127 or email [trody@dnr.in.gov](mailto:trody@dnr.in.gov).

### WCPL plans summer reading events

For children in fifth grade and younger, Mystery Maker Bags containing crafts and science experiments will be available from the Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) every Tuesday and

Friday. A special program will take place off-site at 10 a.m. each Wednesday. Storytime kits will be available for pick up on Thursdays, though advanced registration is required through the library’s online calendar, by visiting [www.wabash.evanced.com/kids](http://www.wabash.evanced.com/kids). Teen craft kits will be offered each Thursday and adults will have kits on Tuesday, June 22 and Tuesday, July 13. Registration is available for these kits but is not required. Tutorial videos will be available on the library’s Facebook page for these kits, as well. Youth services will be offering two book kits in June, including Dogman on Friday, June 11 and A Wolf Called Wander on Friday, June 25. Registration for these kits is required through the Children’s Room or the library’s online calendar. The WCPL Storywalk – located on Huntington Street at Paradise Springs Park – provides an outdoor space where several of the Wednesday morning programs will take place, along with the introduction of Adult Storytime from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 29. No registration is required and participants are encouraged to bring their lunch to the pavilion. A book discussion will also take place for adults at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28. Registration and further details are available at the library’s online calendar.

### Manchester Civic Band plans live performances

Manchester Civic Band performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 23, Sept. 22 and Dec. 1. This year’s Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 30, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26 for alumni at Pierceton Elementary School, this year’s Independence Day celebration at Manchester University; Saturday, July 31 at the North Manchester Summerfest parade; and Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest. In addition, performances have also been tentatively scheduled for the North Manchester Fun Fest parade and at Doud’s Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana.

### Second Harvest to hold a tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

### Project Learning Tree Workshop to be held

Educators are invited to participate in a Project Learning Tree (PLT) K-8 workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 9 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The workshop fee of \$23 includes a copy of the guide. The fee is payable by check (made out to IFEF/PLT) or cash, payable on the day of the workshop. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages will be provided. Advance registration is required with a deadline of Friday, July 2. Limited space is available. For more information, call 260-468-2127 or email [trody@dnr.in.gov](mailto:trody@dnr.in.gov).

### Salamonie to hold Summer Forest Camp

Salamonie Lake will be

hosting “a unique outdoor day camp” from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 7 to 13 are welcome. Limited space is available. The cost per child is \$60 and \$55 for each additional sibling. Register and pay by Monday, June 14 and save \$10 per child. For more information and registration, call 260-468-2127.

### Indiana 114 to close for bridge maintenance near North Manchester

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced the closure of Indiana 114 near North Manchester for bridge maintenance. Crews will be working between Gene Stratton Porter Road and Rock-Springs Pike. Work is scheduled to last until early July. During the closure, motorists should use the posted detour of Indiana 13, Indiana 16 and Indiana 105.

### INDOT begins Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work. The work is set to wrap up in July.

### Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

### MSD Summer Food Program to provide free breakfasts, lunches

The MSD Summer Food Program will provide weekly meals free of charge for children ages 1 through 18 throughout the MSD area. Throughout the summer, families may pick up five day’s worth of breakfasts and lunches for each child in their household that meets the age criteria from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through July 28 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North, and Southwood High School on the east side of the building, 564 Indiana 124.

### YMCA to offer summer meals

The Wabash County YMCA announced their free breakfast and lunch program for children ages 18 and under will be from 8 to 9 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch Mondays through Fridays, through Friday, Aug. 6, at 500 S. Cass St. For more information, visit [www.wabashcountymca.org](http://www.wabashcountymca.org) or email [info@wabashcountymca.org](mailto:info@wabashcountymca.org).

### ‘Liking for Biking’ returns

Through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invit-

ed to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St. Helmets are required. The next health assessment will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise Spring Historical Park with wheels rolling at 9 a.m. Masks are required inside Parkview Wabash Hospital for health assessments. For more information, [www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series) or call 260-563-7171.

### Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market running every Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market continues its 2021 season from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Saturday, Sept. 26 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elks parking lot on the corner of Cass and Market St. Vendors are still being accepted for full-season, half-season and one-time rates. To become a vendor for the 2021 Market, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market](http://WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market) or call 260-563-0975. For more information about Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market](http://WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market).

### Honeywell Ladies Golf Association season continues

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday.

### ‘Explore Salamonie’ hikes to be held monthly

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services for an “Explore Salamonie” hike at 5 p.m. during each month’s first Saturday through September at Salamonie’s Interpretive and Nature Center at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Wear appropriate footwear, clothing and bring along your water bottle, sunscreen and bug spray. A set of binoculars or camera may come in handy. Each hike is open to the public and geared for families. Each hike will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply. State Park Annual Entrance Passes are available for purchase.

### DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

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## CANVAS

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and adults ages 13 and over

and requires registration.

Class size is limited so painting reservations are first-come, first-serve.

A materials fee of \$8 per

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For more information,



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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21

# New approaches to police use of force

Our nation asks a lot of its police officers – as it should. We ask them to be quick, responsive and fair. We ask them to run toward dangerous situations while the rest of us run away. And we ask them to judge how much force a situation requires and when to apply it, sometimes choosing from very limited options.

But police officers in Marietta, Ga., might have a few more.

There, the police department in 2019 made weekly Brazilian jiu-jitsu classes mandatory for the five months new recruits spent in the police academy. The classes were hosted at a local gym that negotiated a rate affordable for the department.

Recruits learned martial arts tactics to safely restrain suspects. Brazilian jiu-jitsu teaches its practitioners to exploit body positioning and leverage to subdue another person and minimizes harm to the practitioner and the subject. Crucially, it does not require that the practitioner be heavier or stronger than the person they're trying to control.

That initial training was successful enough that the department offered the program to all in-service officers in 2020. According to a summary of the data, 95 out of 145 sworn officers in Marietta opted in.

The results so far are compelling. The department

saw a 48 percent decrease in officer injuries in the 18 months after mandatory training was instituted for new hires compared with the 18 months prior, and none of the officers who were injured had been trained in Brazilian jiu-jitsu.

Suspects being arrested by force were 53 percent less likely to be seriously injured if they were interacting with an officer with Brazilian jiu-jitsu experience. And officers with the martial arts training deployed their Tasers 23 percent less often than officers without it.

"You want your officers to be confident in themselves, not in the badge and the gun," Marietta PD Major Jake King said in a 2021 video produced by Gracie University, which is affiliated with the family credited with creating Brazilian jiu-jitsu.

The decrease in Taser use grabs the attention due to recent cases in Minnesota, though we can't know how those situations would have proceeded under different circumstances. But it's also noteworthy because the point of Brazilian jiu-jitsu programs for law enforcement is not to turn cops into martial arts masters who relinquish their more dangerous weapons. Tragic, dangerous situations sometimes require them. Rather, the point of this training is to give officers as many options on the use-of-force

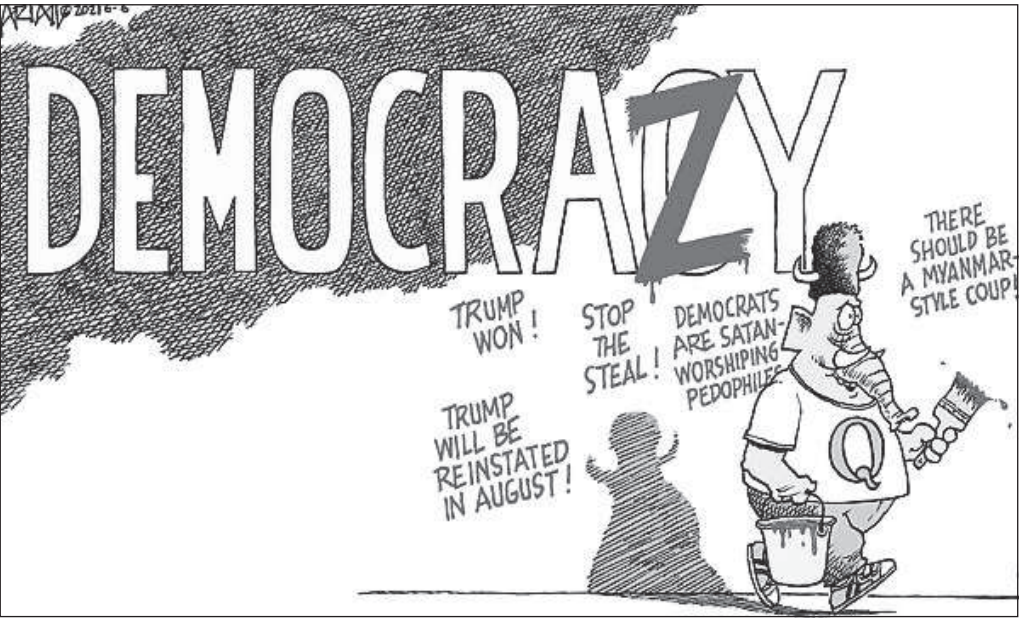
continuum as possible so the force they use truly matches the situation they're in.

If some officers in Marietta are now using their Tasers less often, that implies a previous mismatch. In other words, they might have been resorting to more force when, for want of some training, less would have sufficed.

Police departments in Minnesota have wide latitude on how to train their officers and should think seriously about implementing programs like these if they don't already have them. We have statewide standards for joining and remaining on the force, but officers and departments can and do exceed these requirements if they wish. Officers may get sophisticated restraint training already, but it takes regular practice to become proficient in a skill, not just occasional classes. And the Marietta case shows that a department can require training in a skill such as Brazilian jiu-jitsu in a cost-effective and successful way.

All sides of our supercharged policing debate should be interested in creative solutions like these. The more options on the use-of-force continuum officers are given, the more options they'll have before reaching for a Taser or a gun. But they can't use tactics they don't know.

— This editorial was first published in the Star Tribune.



# Vietnam and the rules of war

I was leaving the gym last Wednesday when Tony told me they would be closed on Friday and Monday.

"Why?" I asked. "What's going on?"

"Oh, you know, just adding another day off and making it an extra-long holiday weekend."

"What holiday?"

Oh, that one. Of all the ones to let sneak up on me, it had to be the one specifically designed to make us remember, to ensure that we never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the country. That holiday.

To my credit, I did think about it later in the day.

I remembered Steve, the first classmate I'd learned about dying in Vietnam. I was in basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., at the time, a 19-year-old kid with a year and a half of college and not a single clue about the real world.

But I did not lament the life he would never have – the bride he would never walk down the aisle, the kids he would never drive to school, the retirement party he would never attend.

Selfishly, I worried about myself, what I had signed up for and where I might be going when training was over. Until that day, war had been an abstract idea, something in the history books or the stories my father had told me. It wasn't something that might snatch me up and throw me away.

Leo Morris



The truth of war is that old men send young men to die. If all we do is salute the bravery and honor the commitment of the fallen, we make it too easy for the old men to be frivolous with those young men. If we do not also focus on the grief of those left behind, the holes left in their hearts, we are inviting future foolish people to wage future foolish wars and keep throwing away young lives.

That is the lesson of Vietnam for me, the reason I could never get over that war.

It wasn't just that more than 50,000 American soldiers died; every soldier knows that is a risk. It wasn't just that it might have been the wrong war at the wrong time for the wrong reason; that's been the history of the world.

It was that the people running the war thought it was something they could fool around with, a geopolitical chess game for which the moves could be micro-managed from thousands of miles away. Then when the ultimate goal – propping up a friendly regime without

being committed to defeating the enemy – proved grotesquely unachievable, they just walked away.

Oops. Sorry, just kidding. Didn't really mean it.

All those lives. Wasted.

So now I think there should be three rules for war. It should never be engaged unless:

It is the only option left, all other avenues having been explored.

There is a clearly stated goal with a recognizable way to define victory.

Leaders are committed to winning as quickly as possible.

Considering our recent history in Iraq and Afghanistan, I don't think we're following those rules. Considering the "war on terror," with no end in sight and no way to define victory, I wonder if we ever will.

I've thought about visiting the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington but never have. Now, there is a replica on permanent display in Fort Wayne, and I think about visiting it, to run my hand over Steve's name.

But I wonder if I will. I really want to but really don't as well. You know?

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# The flag is a symbol of what we are

By MARK FRANKE

June 14 is Flag Day in the United States, a holiday sandwiched between the patriotic holidays of Memorial Day and Independence Day. Unfortunately, almost no one honors it by flying flags or other appropriate decorations. It's sad, really.

My cul-de-sac has a tradition of putting out small yard flags to line the street on the major holidays. I suggested we add Flag Day to the summer big three and my neighbors agreed.

Flag Day is even more important this year than in the past. We are coming out of a pandemic which fundamentally changed our lives and may have left permanent scars on our national psyche. I am proud of my friends and neighbors for rallying together to get us all through it. I am also proud of the thousands of Americans who have tried to go about their business while honoring official and unofficial requests to keep social distance and wear masks. We are an exceptional people, in spite of what the historical deconstructionists want us to believe.

This is the kind of Americanism that our flag symbolizes. It is a symbol, sure, but one that represents ideas and ideals that come to life through this powerful symbol. What saddens me is that this symbol meant to unify has itself become divisive.

As best I can recall, flag disrespect first reared its ugly head during the Vietnam era and the highly publicized flag burnings by protestors. My generation of baby-boomers were in the forefront of these protests and we were quite successful in passing this unfortunate legacy on to subsequent generations, if scenes from our large cities are any indication. Perhaps I should blame my parents' generation, the greatest generation according to many, who did such a poor job of instilling their values in us. But Father's Day is just around the corner so I won't take such a cheap shot.

While flag burning is not so common anymore, other disrespectful conduct has become almost commonplace. Think of all the athletes who kneel during the national anthem to show public protest of a nation that enables them to earn millions of dollars playing little boys' games. I should add this disclaimer: I have not seen any kneeling at my local minor league baseball stadium. Many of our local players each year are from Latin America. They know.

I am fortunate to have membership in the Sons of the American Legion due to my father's service in World War II and the Korean War. This organization, whose members are veterans who put their lives on the line defending the republic for which the flag stands, takes respect for the flag seriously. Each year the Legion's legislative agenda includes support for a constitutional amendment to prohibit physical desecration of the flag.

I certainly understand the intensity of the feeling that Legionnaires have for this issue. They served their country under her flag, many at great risk to themselves. Most were draftees, at least through the Vietnam era, but they don't begrudge the sacrifices they made in a noble cause. The flag is the most tangible symbol of this cause and its nobility. How can you not empathize and sympathize with this?

That said, I can't help but believe that a true love of liberty ought to allow desecration of the flag as part of our inherent freedom. Naïve as it may sound, I do believe that the silent majority of Americans take note of such behavior and ignore it. In my case at least, such disrespect strengthens my belief in the American ideal. They won't want to hear this, but even the kneelers remind me why America is the greatest nation on the planet.

I am thankful for those who act to reinforce this ideal among us, such as the small-town Wisconsin schoolteacher who initiated an unofficial flag day in his school back in 1885. It became an official holiday in 1916 by decree of President Woodrow Wilson but it was this humble schoolteacher who should get the credit. His name, by the way, was Bernard Cigrand.

I expect my street block will be lined with flags again on June 14. Will yours?

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## HISTORY

Today is Saturday, June 12, the 163rd day of 2021. There are 202 days left in the year.

### Highlight in history:

On June 12, 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, exhorted Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

### On this date:

In 1630, Englishman John Winthrop, leading a fleet carrying Puritan refugees, arrived at the Massachusetts Bay Colony, where he became its governor.

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1942, Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, received a diary for her 13th birthday, less than a month before she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was shot and killed outside his home in Jackson, Mississippi. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.)

In 1964, South African Black nationalist Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life in prison along with seven other people, including Walter Sisulu, for committing sabotage against the apartheid regime (all were eventually released, Mandela in 1990).

In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Loving v. Virginia, unanimously struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

**Today's Birthdays:** Songwriter Richard M. Sherman is 93. Sportscaster Marv Albert is 80. Singer Roy Harper is 80. Actor Ron Brown is 72. Actor Sonia Manzano is 71. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 70. Country singer-musician Junior Brown is 69. Singer-songwriter Rocky Burdette is 68. Actor Timothy Busfield is 64. Singer Meredith Brooks is 63. Actor Jenilee Harrison is 63. Rock musician John Linnell (They Might Be Giants) is 62.



# Adult daughter still has to check in with parents

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 30-year-old married woman. My job requires a lot of domestic travel, which I love. My parents continue to ask that I “check in” whenever I fly, and often text or call asking me where I am, even though I provide them my schedule.

I feel this indicates a lack of confidence that I can take care of myself. They frame it as “they love me” or “they care,” but, to me, it feels like a constant putdown. I know it doesn’t take long to respond, but every time I do I feel like a child. It’s not as though they are in a position to help me if something did go awry. I would be forced to handle it myself, regardless.

I have tried reasoning with them, but it hasn’t worked. Can you please help me explain to them what a normal adult-child relationship looks like, so we can stop arguing and I can feel like the capable woman I am? – Capable Adult In Pennsylvania

Dear Abby



**DEAR CAPABLE ADULT:** Your parents appear to be having trouble letting go of their parental role. If you are providing them with your schedule and itinerary, you are doing enough. One way to win an “argument” is simply not to argue. If you do not wish to check in, don’t do it.

**DEAR ABBY:** A relative has recently, through no fault of his own, lost a significant amount of money. I would like to help him out with a gift of money, with no expectation that he would repay the money. However, he’s very proud, and I’m afraid he would be insulted if I offer him the money. It could also damage our relationship, which has always been very good.

Can you offer any words that could persuade him to accept this gift? You often have a tactful approach that can help to maintain a positive relationship but still allow a person to accomplish their desired goal. – Proud In New York

**DEAR PROUD:** If it were my relative, this is the approach I would take:

“Uncle Charlie, you have been wonderfully supportive of me over the years. (Be specific about a couple of instances; they do not have to have anything to do with money – in fact, it’s better if they don’t.) You would be doing ME a great favor if you would please accept this because this past year has been so difficult for so many people, and I have been concerned about you.” Then I’d cross my fingers.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am an RN with a bachelor’s degree in nursing. My question is, when is it appropriate to put BSN, RN behind my name? For example, I have only my name on my checks. When I sign for things at work I always add RN to the end of my signature. The rest of the time I do not, which brings me to my next question: When should I put the BSN part in there? I tend to never use it. It is on my name tag for work, but when sending faxes to doctors or clinics, I have been leaving it off. – Nurse Needs To Know

**DEAR NURSE:** Because you have earned both degrees, you should use them. In the world of academia, the college degree is used first. However, since you are not in that environment, whichever one you prefer to use first will be all right.

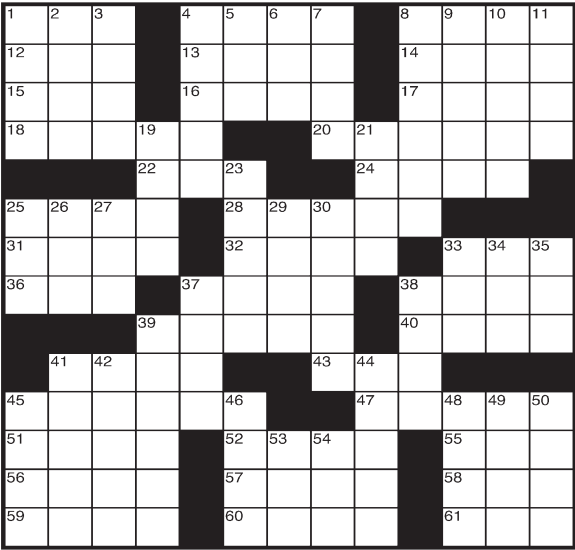
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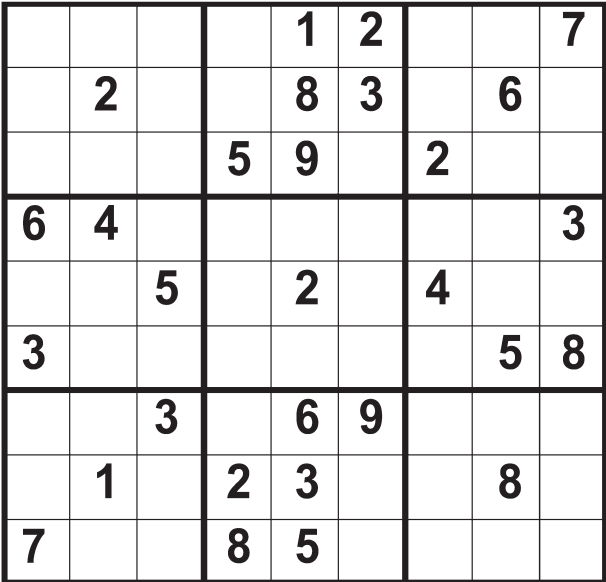
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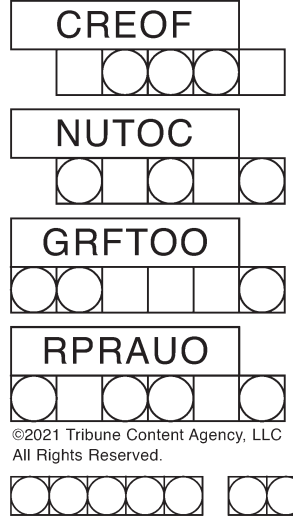
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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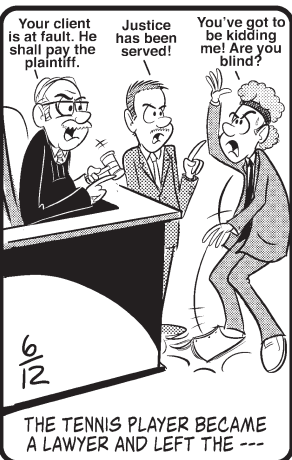
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Yesterday's Jumbles: GRIPE ELDER HONCHO LATELY Answer: The number that equals 10 minus 2 didn't exist until it was — “CRE-EIGHT-ED”

**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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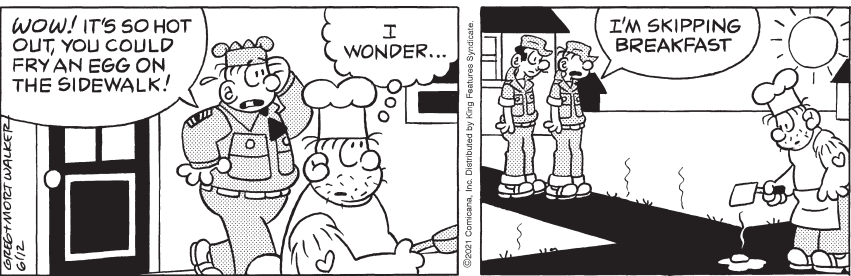
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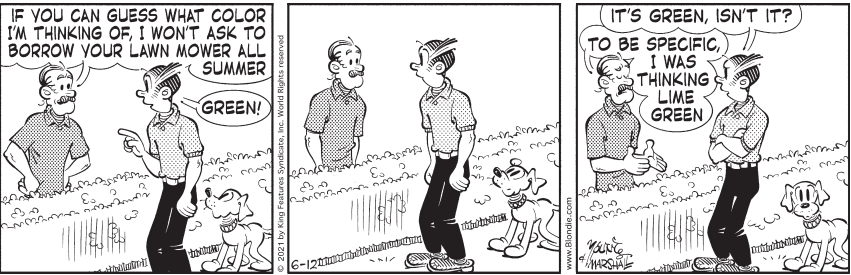


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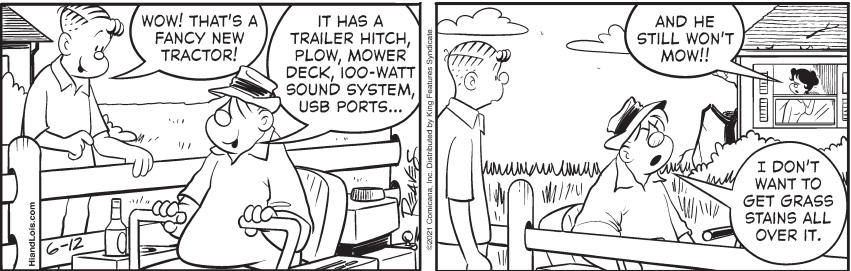
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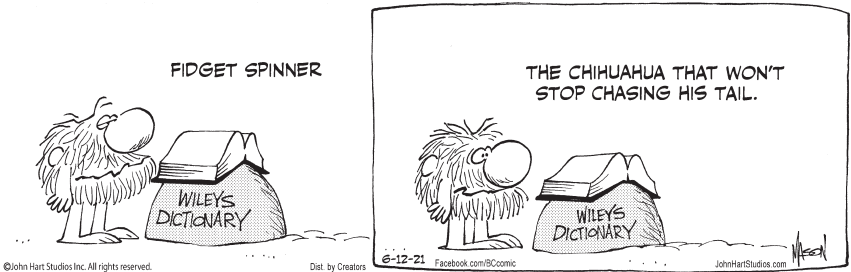
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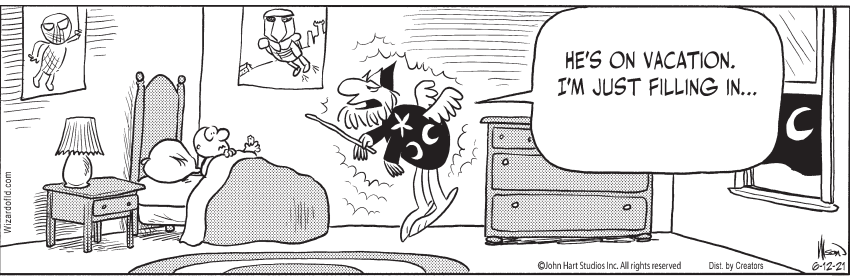
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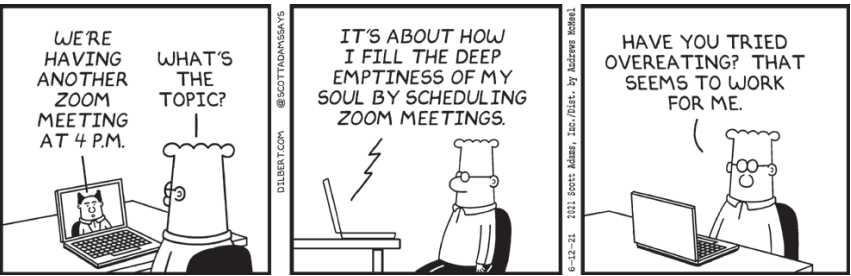
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# Bible assures us Heaven is a definite place

**Q:** When I see homeless people, I often wonder if Heaven is really a place. If it is, these precious people will someday have a home, right? — H.H.

**A:** The Bible assures us that Heaven is a definite place. Jesus said, “In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:2–3). But we all have to be saved in Christ to be assured of a heavenly home someday.

Today homeless people can be found just about everywhere throughout the world. During cold spells many street people suffer and some die. Those of us who

have comfortable homes may want to help those who are less fortunate, but deep inside we may think, “I’m just glad I have a bed tonight, a warm house, and food to eat.” If we have never been homeless, it’s hard to understand what it would be like.

In some ways, Christians are homeless. Our true home is waiting for us, prepared by the Lord Jesus Christ. “For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we

groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven” (2 Corinthians 5:1–2). If we look at the beauty He has created on Earth, can we comprehend what He has furnished for us in Heaven? How is this hope attained? By repenting of sin and looking to the Savior or the world for forgiveness, which brings eternal life.

We can have the same hope as Abraham of old: “He waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God” (Hebrews 11:10).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos  
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: “Going to a party, for me, is as much a learning experience as, you know, sitting in a lecture.” — Natalie Portman  
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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, June 13 at Asbury Country Church, Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship will be Amy Bullick, the music leader will be Mel Hoover and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The morning message will be, “Do the Right Thing” by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, June 13 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards’ scripture reading will be Romans 1:1-6 with a sermon reflection titled “The Cathedral of the Christian Faith.” Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to

the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

For the Sunday, June 13 services at Dora Christian Church in Lagro the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message will be “Disciples Reach Out Together” from Acts 8:26-39, part of June’s sermon series, “The Acts of the Disciples.” The Communion Table will be served by Bill Miller and Chuck Marion. Children’s Church for the 10:30 a.m. service will be led by Holli Good and Brooke Swope.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congre-

gational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvumc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvumc@hotmail.com).

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com).

Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St., in-person worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended, but not required. There will be no Sunday school until fall. On Sunday, June 13, the sermon, “The Call of David,” will be based on 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13. On Sunday, June 20, the sermon, “Peace, be still,” will be based on Mark 4:35-41. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at [pastordoug@wabashcob.org](mailto:pastordoug@wabashcob.org).

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for

the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 13 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on “A Discerning Life – Part 3.” The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard on Sunday at 11 a.m. on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Todd Eltzroth, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Rose Sands, organ; and Nancy Kolb, piano.

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. For more information, visit [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook/zionwabash](http://www.facebook/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

Indiana nurse during the Korean War helped inspire ‘M\*A\*S\*H’

By JON WEBB  
Evansville Courier & Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — When Cathy Drake went to dinner at a friend’s house one night in the 1960s, she didn’t know the conversations they had would change popular culture for decades to come. Drake and her husband, Dale, traveled to Maine about 10 years after their time in the Korean War to reminisce with Dr. Richard Hornberger, who served with them in the 8055 MASH unit. They spent the evening knocking back cocktails and spitting stories about the people they knew there. They talked about a nurse named “Hot Lips.” A chest-cutter named “Trapper John.” And a quiet doctor who suddenly sauntered into a Halloween party one night clad in a wig and shimmering dress. Those characters went on to fill “MASH,” the novel Hornberger, better known as Richard Hooker, was writing at the time. The book was eventually adapted into the legendary Robert Altman film

of the same name, and later finessed into “M\*A\*S\*H,” one of the most popular television shows of all time. Drake leaves behind that and much more. The longtime Evansville resident died June 3 at the age of 96. “We never thought it would turn out like it did,” Cathy told the Indianapolis Star in 2013. Born Margaret Catherine McDonough, the Montana native is survived by a son and two daughters, as well as a bevy of grand- and great-grandchildren. Dale, a longtime physician in the city, died three years ago at the age of 93. Cathy worked as an operating room nurse during the war, while Dale was drafted into the Army to work as an anesthesiologist, their son, Dr. Michael Drake, told the Evansville Courier & Press in 2018. Just like in the show and movie, Dale said the atmosphere at the MASH unit could swing from fun to deathly serious within seconds. A mass of injured soldiers

could overwhelm the medical staff. Afterward, a lull could descend for days on end. In the downtime, married doctors constantly chased nurses. Cathy, though, ignored them. And when a handsome, single surgeon from Oklahoma arrived a few months after her, she took a liking to him. Their only “date” overseas took place during a decidedly non-romantic run to a military post exchange, where Cathy was tasked with buying hordes of Kotex for the other nurses. But after she was sent home, they wrote to each other every day. He sent her roses and a pearl necklace, while she spritzed her letters with perfume, they once told the Evansville Courier. By 1953, they were married, and they moved to Evansville a year later. The couple went on to appear in multiple documentaries about the show over the years. In her downtime, Cathy loved rooting for Notre Dame, going to the horse races at Ellis Park and playing bridge.



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# Potiphar’s wife and other news from SBC warfare

It’s hard to follow warfare inside the Southern Baptist Convention without a working knowledge of biblical symbolism.

Consider this passage in a May 31 letter from the Rev. Russell Moore to SBC President J.D. Greear, which described key events leading to Moore’s recent resignation as head of the denomination’s Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.

“You and I both heard, in closed-door meetings, sexual abuse survivors spoken of in terms of ‘Potiphar’s wife’ and other spurious biblical analogies,” wrote Moore in a letter posted at the Baptist Blogger website. “The conversations in these closed-door meetings were far worse than anything Southern Baptists knew. ... And as you know, this comes on the heels of a track record of the Executive Committee staff and others referring to victims as ‘crazy’ and, at least in one case, as worse than the sexual predators themselves.”

Terry Mattingly



Who was “Potiphar’s wife”? She was known for her efforts to manipulate Joseph during his enslavement in Egypt. The Genesis narrative notes: “Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. And after a time, his master’s wife cast her eyes upon Joseph, and said, ‘Lie with me.’” When Jacob refused, the seductress accused him of assault and had him jailed.

It’s easy to see how “Potiphar’s wife” insults would fit into attempts to discredit Moore and activists who want America’s largest Protestant flock to change how its agencies, seminaries and nearly 48,000 autonomous congregations deal with sexual abuse.

Moore’s resignation, after years of attacks by critics, has pushed sexual abuse to the top of the agenda at the SBC’s June 15-16 national

meetings in Nashville – along with the election of a new president. One outspoken Moore critic – the Rev. Mike Stone of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Blackshear, Georgia – is one of four presidential candidates. Stone is also the immediate past chairman of the embattled Executive Committee and a leader in the Conservative Baptist Network, which has attacked Moore, Greear and others.

Other hot-button issues loom in the background. Before the 2016 election, Moore – a consistent conservative on issues such as abortion and the First Amendment rights of religious believers – made headlines when he called Donald Trump an “awful candidate” with “serious moral problems” who needed to repent of his sins and embrace Christianity.

But in a 2020 letter to ERLC trustees, first publicized by Religion News Service, Moore claimed that conflicts with Trump supporters weren’t the main

cause of investigations into the impact of his work as the main Southern Baptist voice in Washington, D.C. – including some critics withholding donations to the SBC’s Cooperative Program.

“The presenting issue here is that, first and foremost, of sexual abuse. This Executive Committee, through their bylaws workgroup, ‘exonerated’ churches ... from serious charges of sexual abuse cover-up. One of those churches actively had on staff at the time a sex offender. J.D. Greear, our SBC president, and I were critical of this move, believing that it jeopardized not only the gospel witness of the SBC, but, more importantly, the lives of vulnerable children in Southern Baptist churches.”

Tensions rose in 2019, when Moore allowed sex-

ual abuse activist Rachael Denhollander to directly criticize the Executive Committee while speaking at the SBC’s “Caring Well” conference on sexual abuse, including what she considered the unethical treatment of an abuse survivor.

“This enraged some Executive Committee trustee leadership,” wrote Moore. It didn’t help that the “Executive Committee had contributed some money to Caring Well.” Intimidation tactics, he added, have “been used to create a culture where countless children have been torn to shreds, where women have been raped and then ‘broken down.’”

Online reactions have been fierce, including a Stone video stating: “As a victim of childhood sexual abuse, I find the latest attack from Russell Moore to be absolutely slanderous, and

it is as inflammatory as it is inaccurate. ... It’s unscriptural, it’s ungodly, it’s outrageous.”

However, there was another strategic response – a motion by two pastors, Ronnie Parrott of Christ Community Church in Huntersville, North Carolina, and Grant Gaines of Belle Aire Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, calling for the next SBC president to initiate a process leading to a third-party investigation of the Executive Committee. This would include “allegations of mishandling sexual abuse cases, mistreatment of sexual abuse victims, a pattern of intimidation and resistance to sexual abuse reform initiatives.”

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

## Indiana man convicted in twin sons’ 2014 house fire deaths

LAFAYETTE (AP) — A Lafayette man has been convicted in his twin 3-year-old sons’ house fire deaths more than two years after a judge vacated his earlier guilty plea in their 2014 deaths.

A Tippecanoe County jury on Thursday convicted Bran-

don Abbott on 13 counts, including two counts of neglect resulting in death, the Journal & Courier reported. He’s set to be sentenced Sept. 13.

Abbott’s attorneys had wanted jurors to debate whether he was guilty of a lesser level of neglect. His

attorney Stacy Uliana, said in closing arguments, that Abbott could not have foreseen the April 2014 fire that killed twins Landon and Liam Abbott.

“There has to be something more than neglectful. It has to be foreseeable,” she argued.

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 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


## BAPTIST

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m. Face masks and social distancing required.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

## CHURCH OF GOD

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: [www.wabashchristian.org](http://www.wabashchristian.org). Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

## FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

## INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: [bachelorcreek.com](http://bachelorcreek.com); Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


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# Mitchell hired as Spartans women's soccer coach

She is the seventh head coach in Manchester University program's history

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University Director of Athletics Rick Espeset has announced Katie Mitchell as the next head coach of the women's soccer program.

The seventh head coach in program history, Mitchell comes to North Manchester after spending the past two years as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Indianapolis.

During her time at Indianapolis, the Greyhounds compiled an overall record of 29-6-2 and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Division II Tournament back in 2019.

The 2019 Greyhound squad produced the Great Lakes Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, and Coach of the Year. UIndy registered a 21-6-2 GLVC play during Mitchell's time with the program.

Additionally, Mitchell also served as a head coach with the Indy Premier Soccer Club. She currently holds the following coaching licenses and certifications: United Soccer Coaches Premier Diploma, USSF D License, and NSCAA Goalkeeper Level I Diploma.

A four-year student-athlete at NCAA Division II-member the University of West Georgia, Mitchell earned All-Conference and All-Region honors as a mid-fielder and was named to the Gulf South Conference All-Academic Team. She finished her career with a school-record 21 assists, 16 goals and 53 points while

leading the Wolves to four-straight conference tournament appearances.

Mitchell earned a bachelor's degree in sport management with a minor in marketing from the University of West Georgia in 2019. She earned a master's degree in sport management from the University of Indianapolis in 2021.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



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Katie Mitchell comes to North Manchester after spending the past two years as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Indianapolis.

# SRX made-for-TV racing series debuts with Indy 500 winner Castroneves

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

Superstar Racing Experience was envisioned as a series for former greats who still had the skills and desire to compete and they would square off in identically prepared cars at six of America's classic short tracks.

Ray Evernham and Tony Stewart took great care in extending invites to the made-for-TV league they had co-created. They thoughtfully pulled in a dozen of the most iconic names in modern day motorsports.

Never did they expect the reigning Indianapolis 500 winner to be in the field for the inaugural race.

Helio Castroneves has no full-time job this season so joining SRX was a no-brainer. He does have a six-race IndyCar deal, however, and it included the Indy 500 – the race Stewart tried five times to win before giving up on his childhood dream.

Stewart was there as a spectator two weeks ago when Castroneves shocked the field and became just the fourth four-time Indy 500 winner in the 105-year history of the race. The Brazilian was unable to parlay the victory into a ride at IndyCar's double-header at Detroit this weekend so he will be with SRX at Stafford Motor Speedway in Connecticut when the series goes green Saturday night live on CBS.

"I'm sure we're all going to have special passes just to be allowed on pit road next to him now that he's a four-time winner of the Indy 500," Stewart said. "His head will be swollen, he'll be lucky to get that helmet on over that head and we all know how much he loves his hair and wants to protect his hair."

"All joking aside, to be only the fourth four-time winner of the Indianapolis 500 and having him with the SRX Series is all something we are extremely proud of for his accomplishment and we're excited to bring him back to reality and show him it's not going to be that easy for the next six weeks."

Well, Castroneves has won the only two races he's entered so far this season.

Still, SRX will be a completely new experience for most of the 12-driver field,



Mykal McEldowney / IndyStar / TNS

Helio Castroneves pours milk over his head after winning the Indianapolis 500 on May 30.

which at Stafford will feature NASCAR Hall of Famers Stewart, Bill Elliott and Bobby Labonte, as well as Greg Biffle, Michael Waltrip, Willy T. Ribbs, and Indianapolis 500 winner Tony Kanaan, Paul Tracy and Marco Andretti, as well as Ernie Francis Jr., an accomplished road racer who at 23 is the youngest in the field.

SRX each week will invite a local racer from the hosting track into the event; at Stafford, it will be 41-year-old Doug Coby, a Connecticut native with six championships on NASCAR's Whelen Modified Tour.

The backers of the league, CBS included, love the dynamic of an underdog upstaging a national great.

"From the CBS standpoint I think that's a great story," said CBS Sports Chairman Sean McManus. "That's Rocky Balboa if that turns out to be the story and some of the great legends in the history of motor racing are being bested by the local hero. That's a pretty darned good story."

Stafford Speedway said all 10,000 seats are sold for Saturday night and the popularity is expected to continue as SRX moves on to some of the most prestigious grassroots venues in the country. SRX goes next week to Knoxville Raceway in Iowa, then the Stewart-owned Eldora

Speedway in Ohio, Lucas Oil Raceway in Indianapolis, Slinger Speedway in Wisconsin and finally Nashville Fairgrounds.

Camping World signed on as title sponsor of SRX a month ago, and the series was already backed by The Montag Group CEO Sandy Montag and Bruin Capital CEO George Pyne.

CBS, looking to fill a Saturday night summertime void, signed on before SRX even announced its existence and the partnership is a multi-year agreement.

"It's America's most watched network," Montag said. "We know we're going to do reasonably well there."

# NBA plans to start '21-22 season in October

MIAMI (AP) — The NBA told its teams Thursday that it intends to return to a normal schedule next season, with training camps opening in late September and the regular season beginning Oct. 19.

A memo that was sent to teams, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, does not specify when the 2021-22 regular season will end – and that's because it has yet to be officially decided if the play-in tournament will return. If it does, and there are no indications that it won't, the likely date to end the regular season would be April 10.

The return to the normal schedule is not an unexpected development, and Commissioner Adam Silver has said

several times that the league's intention for the past several months – virus-permitting – was to get the league back onto its regular calendar after two seasons of schedule havoc because of the pandemic.

But it will lead to another quick turnaround for the teams that make this summer's NBA Finals.

The latest possible date for Game 7 of this season's title series is July 22; training camps for next season are set to begin on Sept. 28, meaning it is possible that this season's finalists are back in camp as little as 68 days following the end of the 2021 finals.

Last season's finalists, the champion Los Angeles Lakers and Miami Heat, had 51 days between the end of the

2020 finals and the start of this season's training camp – with this season's game schedule beginning 72 days after the Lakers won the title at the restart bubble at Walt Disney World.

And the Lakers and the Heat both were eliminated in the first round of this year's playoffs; only two of last season's final eight teams returned to the second round of the post-season in 2021. Questions about fatigued teams were a talking point around the league throughout this season, and likely will be again next season – especially for those clubs that go deepest in this year's playoffs.

"From the moment we entered the bubble to now today, it's been draining," Lakers

forward LeBron James said after his team was eliminated. "Mentally, physically, spiritually, emotionally draining. ... Every team has to deal with it, obviously. But with us and Miami obviously going the long haul in the bubble and then coming right back on short notice to this season, it's been very draining."

Should the play-in tournament – during which the teams that finish between seventh and 10th in each conference play to decide which teams will be the No. 7 and No. 8 seeds on the Eastern and Western sides of the bracket – return on the same schedule the NBA utilized this season, those games would be contested between April 12-15, 2022.

## SCOREBOARD

MLB					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
AMERICAN LEAGUE					East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	39	24	.619	—	New York	30	24	.556	—
Boston	38	25	.603	1	Philadelphia	30	31	.492	3½
New York	33	30	.524	6	Atlanta	29	31	.483	4
Toronto	31	29	.517	6½	Miami	27	35	.435	7
Baltimore	22	39	.361	16	Washington	25	33	.431	7
Central Division					Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	38	24	.613	—	Chicago	35	27	.565	—
Cleveland	32	27	.542	4½	Milwaukee	35	27	.565	—
Kansas City	30	31	.492	7½	St. Louis	32	30	.516	3
Detroit	26	36	.419	12	Cincinnati	29	31	.483	5
Minnesota	25	37	.403	13	Pittsburgh	23	38	.377	11½
West Division					West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	37	27	.578	—	San Francisco	38	23	.623	—
Houston	35	27	.565	1	Los Angeles	37	25	.597	1½
Seattle	31	33	.484	6	San Diego	37	27	.578	2½
Los Angeles	30	32	.484	6	Colorado	25	38	.397	14
Texas	24	39	.381	12½	Arizona	20	43	.317	19
Thursday's Games					Thursday's Games				
Detroit 8, Seattle 3					L.A. Dodgers 6, Pittsburgh 3, 8 innings				
Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto 2					Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 2				
Boston 12, Houston 8					Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3, 10 innings				
Minnesota 7, N.Y. Yankees 5					Miami 11, Colorado 4				
Kansas City 6, Oakland 1					San Francisco at Washington, p.p.d.				
Saturday's Games					Saturday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees (Taillon 1-4) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-1), 4:05 p.m.					San Francisco (Gausman 7-0) at Washington (TBD), 2:05 p.m., 1st game				
Kansas City (Kowar 0-1) at Oakland (Kaprielian 2-1), 4:07 p.m.					N.Y. Yankees (Cueto 1-4) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-1), 4:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Lopez 2-6) at Tampa Bay (Hill 5-2), 4:10 p.m.					Atlanta (Fried 3-3) at Miami (TBD), 4:10 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Cease 4-2) at Detroit (Ureña 2-5), 4:10 p.m.					Colorado (Marquez 4-5) at Cincinnati (Miley 5-4), 4:10 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Cobb 4-2) at Arizona (TBD), 4:10 p.m.					L.A. Angels (Cobb 4-2) at Arizona (TBD), 4:10 p.m.				
Seattle (Kikuchi 3-3) at Cleveland (McKenzie 1-3), 4:10 p.m.					Pittsburgh (Kuhl 0-3) at Milwaukee (Burnes 3-4), 4:10 p.m.				
Toronto (Matz 6-3) at Boston (Pivetta 6-1), 4:10 p.m.					San Diego (Musgrove 4-5) at N.Y. Mets (Stroman 5-4), 4:10 p.m.				
Houston (Garcia 5-3) at Minnesota (Berrios 6-2), 7:15 p.m.					San Francisco (Cueto 4-2) at Washington (Ross 2-6), 7:15 p.m., 2nd game				
Texas (Allard 1-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Bauer 6-4), 10:10 p.m.					St. Louis (Gant 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (Alzola 4-5), 7:15 p.m.				
Sunday's Games					L.A. Angels at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.					L.A. Angels at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.				
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.					Texas at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.					St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7:08 p.m.				
Seattle at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.									
Toronto at Boston, 1:10 p.m.									
Houston at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.									
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:07 p.m.									
L.A. Angels at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.									
Texas at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.									

# Tokyo Olympics still undecided on fans

TOKYO (AP) — The question of allowing any fans into Tokyo Olympic venues is still being debated with a decision unlikely to be announced before the end of the month.

This would be just a few weeks before the Olympics are to open on July 23. Fans from abroad have already been banned in what is shaping up as a largely made-for-television Olympics.

Tokyo and several prefectures are under a state of emergency until June 20. Infections have slowed recently, but the spread of variants is still a concern that could put pressure on already stressed medical facilities.

Dr. Nobuhiko Okabe, director general of the Kawasaki City Institute for Public Health, suggested on Friday he would lean toward few fans. He spoke on a panel put together by the Tokyo Olympic organizing committee.

"Thinking in a different way, I think it's an option to suggest to people to enjoy the games on TV – like teleworking," he said. "We could suggest a different way of enjoying the games."

Okabe said it was not just a matter of fans in the venues, but what they do after leaving – heading to bars or restaurants.

"We don't want people to move much," he said. "That's our wish as we think about anti-virus measures."

Organizing committee president Seiko Hashimoto originally said she would announce a decision in April about local fans but has repeatedly postponed it.

Ticket sales were to account for \$800 million in income for the organizing committee. Much of that will be lost and has to be made up by Japanese government entities.

Japan is officially spending \$15.4 billion to run the Olympics, though government audits suggest the figure is much

higher. All but \$6.7 billion is public money.

The Switzerland-based International Olympic Committee derives almost 75 percent of its income from selling broadcast rights, which drives the games and the urgency to hold it during a pandemic.

Japan's Jiji Press reported Friday, without citing sources, that Dr. Shigeru Omi would issue a report next week that warns about the risks of having fans. He is a former World Health Organization regional director and a head of a government task force on the virus.

Speaking in a parliamentary session last week, he said "it is crucial that we must not let the Olympics trigger a flow of people."

Hashimoto warned there could be penalties for anyone who breaks strict rules around the Tokyo Games. She did not say what they would be and said this was still under discussion.

The protocol for anyone entering Japan for the Olympics requires frequent testing, limited movement, and monitoring by GPS on smartphones.

This includes everyone from athletes to journalists to staff and other officials working the games.

About 11,000 athletes will attend the Olympics with 4,400 for the Paralympics. Tens of thousands of others will also enter Japan for both events. Organizers say the total figure for both events – athletes included – is about 93,000.

Organizers say that's about half of the original total expected of 180,000.

"In order to get the citizens of Japan to feel secure there are rigid rules that we need to lay out or else," Hashimoto said.

"We'd like to avoid having to penalize people but we do need to take thorough measures."



# LIFESTYLES



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

## Sandwich art on a plate

There’s something very pleasing about an open-faced sandwich. While simple in concept, the open sandwich construction is popular in myriad cultures. For instance, it’s known as bruschetta in Italy, tartine in France, or smorrebrod in Scandinavia, and the arrangements range from simple and minimal (such as a smear of garlic and tomato) to hefty and filling. They can be visually rustic, fancy and fussy, and gravity-defyingly artistic.

By removing the top piece of bread from the equation, the sandwich filling becomes the topping, which is a lovely reflection of the sum of its parts and a visual tease, beckoning a bite. The bottom piece of bread serves as a plate, to which a smear of butter, fat, cheese or pate is added to seal the bread and serve as a (tasty) barrier, preventing moisture from the toppings from making it soggy. While this is both practical and utilitarian, the type of bread can be as distinctive as the toppings, ranging from day-old bread that gets a revitalizing toast on the grill, to dense and crusty country-style bread, to thin slices of malty ryebread. I recommend using a country-style

bread such as a rustic sourdough for this sandwich. A creamy fresh goat cheese provides the smear. Roasted baby beets crown the cheese and are dabbled with a vibrant garden pesto. This is not your traditional cheesy basil pesto, but rather a blend of garden-fresh herbs pureed with olive oil and lemon. I encourage mixing up the herbs to your taste, while making sure to include a generous amount of parsley and mint to the mix, which nicely complement the beets.

**Beet and Goat Cheese Bruschetta**  
**Active Time: 20 minutes**  
**Total Time: 20 minutes, plus roasting time for the beets**  
**Yield: Makes 6 large or 12 small bruschetta**

**Pesto**  
**3 cups packed mixed garden herbs, such as Italian parsley, mint, cilantro, chives, chervil, tarragon**  
**3 tablespoons pine nuts**  
**1 garlic clove, chopped**  
**1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice**  
**1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest**  
**1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed**  
**1/4 teaspoon kosher salt**  
**1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper**

**6 slices country-style bread, about 1/2-inch thick**  
**Extra-virgin olive oil**  
**8 ounces fresh goat cheese**  
**6 to 8 roasted and peeled baby beets, cut into 4 to 6 wedges**  
**Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper**  
**Finely grated lemon zest**  
**Fresh herb sprigs and flowers for garnish**

**Make the pesto:** Place the herbs, pine nuts, garlic, lemon juice and zest in the bowl of a food processor. Process until finely chopped. With the motor running, add the oil in a steady stream to blend. If too thick, add extra oil, 1 tablespoon at a time, to your desired consistency. The mixture should be slightly loose for dabbing, but not too runny. Add the salt and pepper and taste for seasoning.  
Heat the oven broiler or a grill. Lightly brush the bread slices with oil. Broil or grill until toasted golden on both sides but still tender in the center. Remove and cool the bread 5 minutes.  
Smear the cheese on the bread. Drizzle a little pesto over the cheese and top with the beets. Lightly dab the beets with more pesto if desired. Season each bruschetta with a pinch of salt and a grind of pepper. Garnish with lemon zest, herb sprigs and flowers. Serve whole or cut in half for smaller bites.

## How to revive friendships disrupted by the pandemic

By ERICA PEARSON  
Star Tribune (TNS)

MINNEAPOLIS — Nina Badzin has given friendship a lot of thought. The Minneapolis woman has written an online advice column on the topic for years, dishing out guidance on how to develop deeper relationships or dealing with a passive-aggressive friend. However, as pandemic stress and online-only interactions have tested so many of our bonds in the past year, even Badzin found herself overthinking her connections to her besties. “I definitely felt this – texting and people not responding as quickly as time went on in each group text,” she said. “Like you might say something that you thought was funny or you thought was relevant – and it’s just like crickets.” Now that she’s able to see her friends face to face,

things are easier, Badzin said. But the transition back to a robust social life is proving to be far from seamless for many of us. Reviving friendships that were largely put on hold – aside from an initial flurry of video chats or Zoom happy hours – can feel awkward. And some people are even taking stock of and reconsidering their relationships. “I know it’s been on a lot of people’s minds,” said Tampa-based friendship coach Danielle Bayard Jackson. “The weather is warming up, people are getting vaccinated, but what does that mean for my friendships? Do I hit pause, do I hit play?” The pandemic changed our lives and, in many cases, compressed our social circles. Now that we’re emerging, it’s natural to reassess our priorities, values and even our budgets before jumping back in to old rou-

tines. But friendship experts say it’s a good idea to keep an open mind when reassessing our friendships. If a friendship is valuable to you, it’s worth reaching out, even if your texts sometimes went unanswered or invitations were turned down. If you feel like you’re the one who dropped the ball but want to revive the friendship, an apology be in order. “Struggling to figure out how to interpret the distance this past year might be a challenge, but I really do think it’s a matter of showing each other a little grace,” said Bayard Jackson. In one column, Badzin offered classic example of a pandemic friendship struggle. A reader wrote that their close friends seemed to have vanished, and added: “It dawned on me that this pandemic could be a chance to sort out who my real friends are. What do you think?”

Badzin counseled anyone considering making a list and crossing out names to hit pause. “In a time of crisis, I don’t think it’s a great time to make decisions about who you want to stay friends with,” she said. Shasta Nelson, author of “Frientimacy: How to Deepen Friendships for Lifelong Health and Happiness,” has noticed a dichotomy in how we see our friends right now. While some are interpreting dropped communications as a slight, others have more “gracious responses,” she said, taking into account that we’ve been through trying times. “If our friends didn’t reach out to us, it doesn’t mean they’re a bad friend,” she said. “It means they were underwater, it means they were exhausted, it means they were overwhelmed,” said Nelson, who lives in San Francisco.

## What you need to know about setting up a 401(k) on your first job

‘You can become a 401(k) millionaire,” my husband and I recently told our 26-year-old daughter. That statement perked her up and helped us start a discussion on contributing to her first 401(k). It’s a conversation we’ve been eager to have since she started working full-time. After getting her undergraduate degree, our daughter Olivia decided to go straight to graduate school to get a master’s in Social Work. Once she completed her studies, she worked for a nonprofit in a low-paying internship for 14 months. She started her first full-time job earlier this year and – after a probationary period – she is now eligible to contribute to her company’s workplace retirement plan. Although we’ve been having preliminary talks about her need to save right away for retirement, this was it – her first 401(k). Once she received the information packet, my husband and I sat down with her to figure out how much she should contribute to her retirement plan. Our talk involved four major questions she had about this next phase of her financial life.

- Should I take full advantage of my employer matching contribution?
- How much should I contribute from each paycheck?
- Should I invest in a traditional 401(k) or Roth 401(k)?
- How should I invest my contributions?

First up, we discussed her company’s matching contributions. Should she contribute enough to get the full match?

It was a resounding “yes” to this question. In her case, her firm offers the most popular 401(k) match formula. Fidelity Investments says the most common formula is a 100 percent matching contribution for the first 3 percent of an employee’s contribution and then a 50 percent match for the next 2 percent. Under this formula, a 5 percent employee contribution of \$100 would be eligible for an \$80 employer match, Fidelity points out.

This was an easy sell for our daughter. She saw the wisdom in not leaving money on the table. Fidelity looked at the 401(k) millionaires in the plans the company manages and found that if there’s a company match, these investors take advantage of it. The most successful investors in workplace retirement plans always contribute enough to get the full match during their careers. Next: Could she afford to push herself and contribute more than what it took to qualify for the full company match?

This was a harder sell. But in the end, Olivia decided to save 10 percent of her salary. And she can, because she has chosen to live at home, something her dad and I wholeheartedly encouraged. It’s a smart money move for young adults who have this option. We agreed not to charge her any rent if she saved aggressively. (Plus, she doesn’t have any student loans because of the college choice she made.) Fidelity Investments says that many employers are designing their company retirement plans to help their workers save more by using auto-enrollment. The most common default savings rate for auto-enrolled employees is 3 percent, according to Fidelity. But a growing number of companies are pushing this rate up. One in five employers auto-enrolled employees at a 6 percent savings rate in the first quarter of 2021, Fidelity said.

Of course, workers can opt-out or set their own lower rate of contribution. I was amazed that our daughter’s company automatically enrolls new employees in their 401(k) with a default contribution rate of 10%. For many young adults, saving that much might not be possible. But in Olivia’s case, she could stretch because she plans to live with us for some time, which allows her to keep her expenses low, freeing up more money to invest.

We also pointed out that her employer match of 5 percent combined with her 10 percent contribution, would put her at the 15 percent contribution level that Fidelity recommends for retirement savers. Then there was the decision about which type of retirement plan to utilize. Her company offers a traditional 401(k) and Roth 401(k).

The difference between a traditional and a Roth 401(k) comes down to when you pay the taxes. With a traditional 401(k), your contributions are made with pretaxed dollars. You pay income taxes when you withdraw your funds. With a Roth, the taxes are taken out upfront. I suggested she follow the advice of Carrie Schwab-Pomerantz, president of the Charles Schwab Foundation and a fierce advocate for financial literacy. Typically, Schwab-Pomerantz wrote in a blog post, “upfront tax deduction of a traditional retirement account is less valuable now than the tax-free withdrawal of a Roth down the road.” Olivia went with the Roth. Finally, we talked about how to invest her contributions. Because she has plenty of time until she wants to retire – her goal is age 55 – she opted to invest aggressively, mostly in stock mutual funds. Starting with her next paycheck, our daughter is now well on her way to building a secure retirement. *Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.*

Michelle Singletary





# ‘We mean it’: FBI takes on cases of sexual misconduct in its ranks

By JIM MUSTIAN and ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Faced with a #MeToo reckoning, the FBI says it is getting serious about sexual harassment in its ranks, starting a 24/7 tip line, doing more to help accusers and taking a tougher stand against agents found to have committed misconduct.

The changes follow Associated Press reporting last year that found a series of sexual assault and harassment allegations against senior officials who were allowed to quietly avoid discipline and retire or transfer even after the claims were substantiated.

FBI Deputy Director Paul Abbate told the AP that the bureau is sending its strongest message ever that employees who are tempted to engage in sexual misconduct should be scared because if they do so, “we’re coming for them.”

“That’s a strong approach, a forceful shift and we mean it. And it’s coming from the top,” Abbate said. “Individuals who engage in this type of misconduct don’t belong in the FBI and they certainly should not have supervisory oversight of others. Period.”

Among the changes FBI officials detailed to AP in a series of recent interviews was a round-the-clock tip line that provides a centralized mechanism to report abuse, though they would not say how many calls it has received. They also cited a working group of senior executives to review policies and procedures on harassment and victim support, and faster action to investigate allegations and fire or at least demote employees found to have engaged in misconduct to ensure they have no path to management.

To address chronic concerns that the FBI makes it difficult and intimidating for victims to come forward, the bureau is more broadly spreading the word in online and internal communications about where victimized employees can report allegations. And the FBI’s Victim Services Division, which until recently had focused on aiding victims of federal crimes outside the bureau, has been extending the same level of support to employees who are victims of internal misconduct.

“This is a huge change because traditionally the division was just outward facing supporting victims of federal crime,” said Regina Thompson, the assistant director in charge of the Victim Services Division. “So this has been a big change to turn the subject matter expert expertise that we have internally, and be able to provide this optional, but tailored, assistance to employees.”

Advocates of combating sexual abuse greeted the bureau’s changes with skepticism, calling them long overdue — coming years after the advent of the #MeToo movement — and unlikely to affect lasting change.

“Everyone has gone through this, including the military, and the bureau has managed to skate,” said Jane Turner, a former long-time FBI agent who in 1983 became the first woman named head of an FBI resident agency.

“Until the FBI charges these people and throws them in jail — or at least out of the FBI — and the message gets out that you can’t do this, it won’t stop,” said Turner, who now works with the National Whistleblower Center. “It’s going to take a total cultural shift.”

# U.S. vaccine surplus grows by the day as expiration dates loom

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST and LEAH WILLINGHAM  
Associated Press

In Tennessee and North Carolina, demand for the COVID-19 vaccine has slowed down so much that they have given millions of doses back to the federal government, even though less than half of their total populations are vaccinated.

Oklahoma has not asked for new doses from the government for more than a month, spurning its 200,000-a-week allotment. Around the country, states are rushing to use up doses before they expire this summer.

The U.S. is confronted with an ever-growing surplus of coronavirus vaccine, looming expiration dates and stubbornly lagging demand at a time when the developing world is clamoring for doses to stem a rise in infections.

Million-dollar prizes, free beer and marijuana, raffled-off hunting rifles and countless other giveaways around the country have failed to significantly move the needle on vaccine hesitancy, raising the specter of new outbreaks.

The stockpiles are becoming more daunting each week. Oklahoma has more than 700,000 doses on shelves but is administering only 4,500 a day and has 27,000 Pfizer and Moderna doses that are set to expire at the end of the month.

Millions of Johnson & Johnson doses nationwide were set to expire this month before the government extended their dates by six weeks, but some leaders acknowledge it will be difficult to use them up even by then.

“We really cannot let doses expire. That would be a real outrage, given the need to get vaccines to some under-vaccinated communities in the U.S. and the glaring

gap in vaccinations and the inequity of vaccinations that we have globally,” said Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, chair of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco.

The U.S. averaged about 870,000 new injections per day at the end of last week, down sharply from a high of about 3.3 million a day on average in mid-April, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

President Joe Biden wants to have 70 percent of the adult U.S. population at least partially vaccinated by July 4. But the U.S. could well fail to meet that target. As of Friday, 64 percent of Americans 18 and older had had at

least one dose, by the CDC’s count.

Some states, especially in the Northeast, have already reached that 70 percent goal for adults, while places like Mississippi and Alabama are nowhere close. Mississippi, in fact, has been transferring large quantities of vaccine to other states and the federal government.

Amid the glut, the White House has announced plans to share 80 million doses globally by the end of June and also buy 500 million more doses of the Pfizer vaccine and donate them to 92 lower-income countries and the African Union over the next year.

With demand stronger in Maine and Rhode Island, the

two states received 32,400 doses each from Mississippi, where only about one-third of the state is at least partially vaccinated. Mississippi has also transferred 800,000 doses to a federal vaccine pool. The state has seen demand plunge to levels not seen since the opening weeks of the vaccine rollout, with only 18,400 doses administered there this week.

Mississippi State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs said Friday that the state health department was more than happy to help states in the Northeast.

“In Mississippi, if people don’t understand how important it is to keep alive, we want to protect other Americans,” he said.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND COURT DATE  
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.  
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. Donne Burrows and any interested party is notified that a petition for adoption of a child, named Zailey Burrows born to Jessica Morrisett on October 14, 2005 was filed in the office of the clerk of Wabash County Circuit Court, 59 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992. The petition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption of Donne Burrows is not required because Donne Burrows has for a period of at least one (1) year failed without justifiable cause to communicate significantly with the child when able to do so and also for a period of at least one (1) year knowingly failed to provide for the care and support of the child when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree.  
If Donne Burrows seeks to contest the adoption of the child, Donne Burrows must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.  
If Donne Burrows does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The consent to adoption of Donne Burrows will be irrevocably implied and Donne Burrows will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of Donne Burrows's implied consent to the adoption.  
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Petition for Adoption of Z.B. (85C01-2101-AD-000001) with hearing for final adoption set for July 8, 2021 at 8:30am in Wabash County Circuit Court, 59 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992.  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: N/A  
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# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021



**Elijah Burlingame**  
Valedictorian

Elijah Burlingame has maintained highest honor roll and Academic Excellence from 2013 - 2021. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years and is receiving an Academic Honors diploma. His individual awards include four-time Squire Award winner and Rotary award winner.

In community groups and organizations, he has been active at his church and in his youth group as well as FCA.

His extracurricular activities and athletic involvement include Varsity Wrestling for four years, where he was Academic All-State, All Academic team, and two-time wrestling captain. He participated in soccer for two years and in Science Olympiad for three years in high school.

After high school graduation, Burlingame plans to attend college to study chemical engineering.

He is the son of Matt & Julie Burlingame and his grandparents are Jim & Connie Lennert and Dick & Jane Burlingame.



**Trescott Duffy**  
Valedictorian

Trescott Duffy has earned Academic Excellence and highest honor roll during all four years of high school. Trescott is a member of the National Honor Society. He has been actively involved with the First Brethren Church. Trescott was also involved with team-based volunteer work and was a member of the Squires of the Round Table Wrestling Club.

Athletically, Trescott played football and wrestling for four years. He won the Squire Award for football in 2018 and wrestling in 2020. He received TRC Academic All-Conference awards in football in 2020 and in wrestling 2021. He received the Rotary Mental Attitude award in wrestling for three years (2018, 2019 and 2021).

After graduating from high school with an Academic Honors diploma, Trescott plans to attend Wabash College in the fall to study pre-med in preparation for medical school. He ultimately plans to pursue a career as an orthopedic surgeon. He also plans to participate in the Wabash College wrestling program.

Trescott is the son of Chad and Jessica Duffy. His grandparents are Elsie (Mike Duffy) & Lonnie French and Dianne & Chris Pearson.



**Gavin Mize**  
Valedictorian

Gavin Mize has earned Academic Excellence and highest honor roll during all four years of high school. Gavin is a member of the National Honor Society and served as president for the 2020-21 school year. He has also been a member of Student Council since 2016 and currently serves as the student body president. Gavin was crowned Homecoming King this past fall.

Gavin is a ten year member of 4-H and volunteers in the children's ministry at the First Brethren Church. He is very active in athletics participating in wrestling for four years and serving as team captain from 2019 to 2021. He also received the wrestling leadership award in 2021. Gavin has also participated in Science Olympiad since 2014 and cross country his junior year. He is currently finishing out his third year in track and field.

After graduating with an Academic Honors diploma, Gavin plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan to study nursing. After graduating, he plans to travel as a nurse eventually becoming a nurse practitioner.

Gavin is the son of Teresa & Matthew Mize, and his grandparents are Paul & Donna Habeggar.



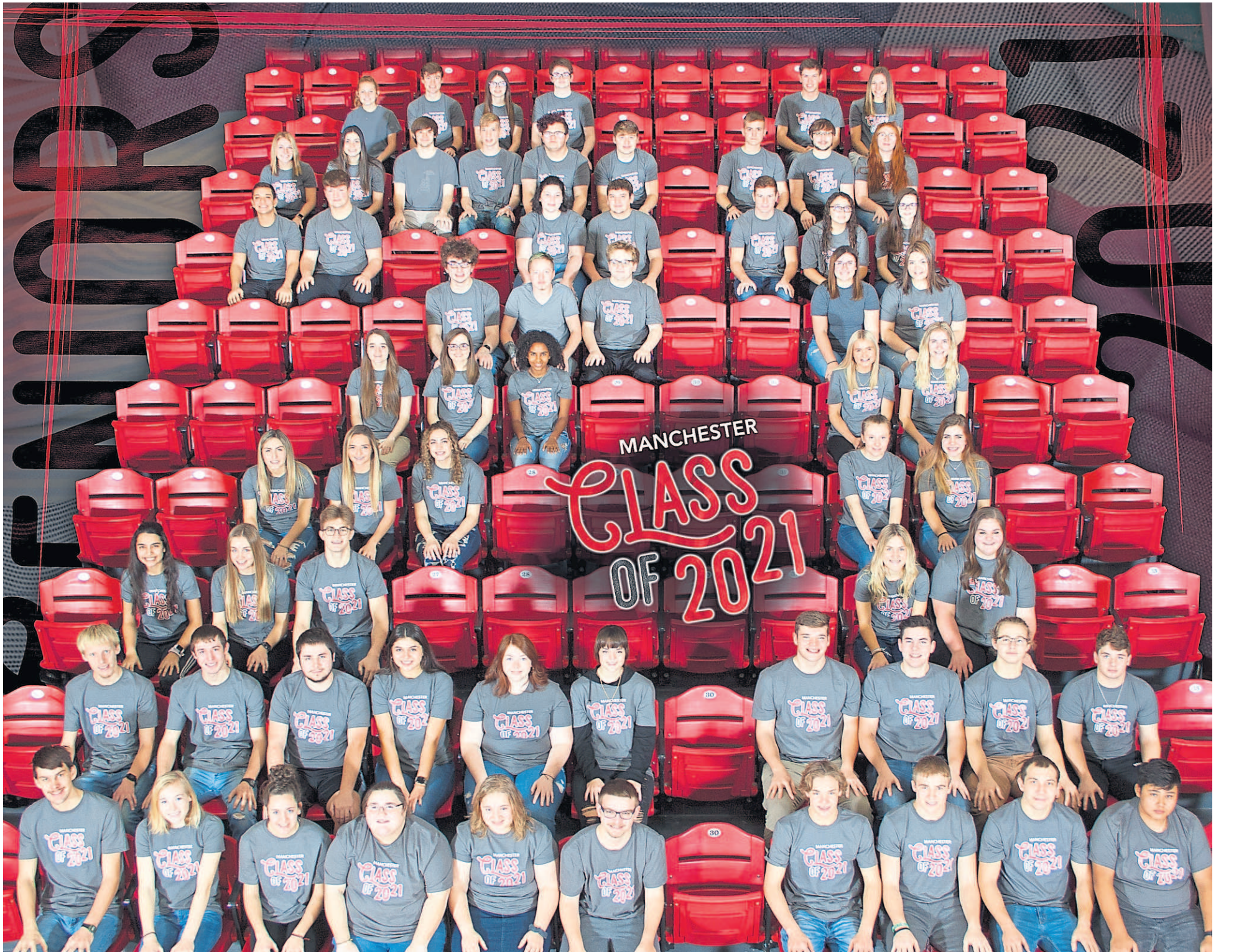
**Torinka Runkel**  
Salutatorian

Torina Runkel has earned Academic Excellence and highest honor roll during all four years of high school. Torina is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a member of Student Council for four years.

Torina is very active in school. She has played softball every year and has been recognized as TRC All-Conference honorable mention and Academic All-Conference. She ran cross country as a freshman and sophomore and made the cross country coaches All-State team. Torina has played soccer the last two years of high school and earned the Rotary Mental Attitude award and All-Conference honorable mention. She also served as the girls basketball manager for her four years in high school.

Torina is a ten year member of 4-H and had an internship with Heaven Scent K9.

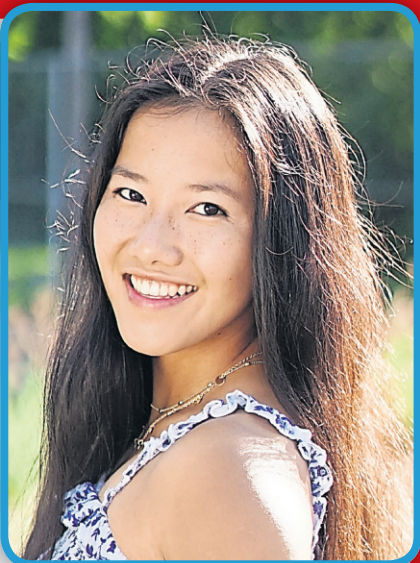
Torina is the daughter of Steve & Cindy Runkel. Her grandparent is Ruth Weekly.





# Congratulations Class of 2021!!

## Valedictorian Lingjun (Linda) Fu



- 1. How does it feel to be awarded valedictorian?**  
*It's very rewarding to be awarded valedictorian since academics have always been a priority throughout my life.*
- 2. What are your future plans after graduation?**  
*I plan on attending IU Bloomington to major in business and pre law.*
- 3. How has Wabash High School prepared you academically and socially for your future?**  
*By taking many dual credit courses at Wabash High School, I have been able to have a little taste of the academic challenges I will experience in the future.*
- 4. What is your favorite positive memory of your time in high school?**  
*Winning Homecoming as sophomores- it was a proud moment.*
- 5. What activities and/or community service have you been involved with while in high school?**  
*In high school I was involved in tennis, Key Club, Apaches In Action, SADD, Campus Life, Student Council, Book Club, Extension Club, Capernaum, Crossroads Bank Junior Board of Directors, National Honors Society, and Band. Some community services I have participated in are Ringing Bells for Salvation Army FISH, Red Cross Blood Drive, and the Wabash Rotary Club.*
- 6. What instructor, class, or extracurricular activity influenced you the most during your time in high school?**  
*Being in Student Council has influenced me the most during high school because I was the class president for three years and the student body president for one. It's within these positions where I learned how to be a good leader and the importance of teamwork.*
- 7. Have you always been a high achieving student academically? Explain...and if not, what was the defining moment that changed that. If so, what kept your goals high.**  
*I have always been a high achieving student academically because I know I have the ability to get good grades, so I have always put in my best effort towards academics.*
- 8. Who has been the most influential person in your life or who do you admire most?**  
*The people whom I admire the most in life are my parents. My dad is the most motivated person I know and my mom is the most selfless.*
- 9. What one piece of advice would you give to underclassmen?**  
*One piece of advice I would give to underclassmen is to focus on schoolwork because high school drama truly does not matter in life.*
- 10. What is one thing you would like to change about the world?**  
*One thing I would like to change about the world is stereotypes. I wish people would stop making assumptions about others because everyone has a different story that you don't know about.*
- 11. What are your favorite pastimes?**  
*In my pastime I like to read, thrift, photography, work out and hangout with my friends.*
- 12. Is there anything else you would like to add?**  
*Nope*

## Salutatorian Madison Bartoo



- 1. How does it feel to be awarded salutatorian?**  
*I definitely feel honored and excited that the work that I've put into the past four years has led up to this award.*
- 2. What are your future plans after graduation?**  
*I plan on attending Ball State University and major in Journalism.*
- 3. How has Wabash High School prepared you academically and socially for your future?**  
*Wabash High School has shown me how to strive to put my best effort in everything I do, academically and socially.*
- 4. What is your favorite positive memory of your time in high school?**  
*One positive memory would be hanging out with friends at the football games Friday nights.*
- 5. What activities and/or community service have you been involved with while in high school?**  
*I've been involved with swim, tennis, student council, book club, academic team, mayor's youth council, superintendent's advisory committee, SADD, Apaches In Action, student publications, eco club.*
- 6. What instructor, class, or extracurricular activity influenced you the most during your time in high school?**  
*Ms. Millspaugh was a huge influence during my time in high school. She was definitely the calm part of this huge storm of craziness that went on around me.*
- 7. Have you always been a high achieving student academically? Explain...and if not, what was the defining moment that changed that. If so, what kept your goals high.**  
*For my entire high school education, some would call me a "perfectionist", but, honestly, I just wanted to be the best possible version of myself, socially and academically.*
- 8. Who has been the most influential person in your life or who do you admire most?**  
*My faith in Jesus has been one of the most influential things in my life. I have no clue where I would be without it.*
- 9. What one piece of advice would you give to underclassmen?**  
*Don't strive to be what everyone else expects of you. Figure out what you want for yourself and go for it.*
- 10. What is one thing you would like to change about the world?**  
*One aspect that I would love to change about the world is awareness. A lot of people don't know what's going on behind closed doors, and we need to just treat people with kindness no matter the circumstances.*
- 11. What are your favorite pastimes?**  
*Thrift, drinking coffee (yes, I consider that a hobby), playing tennis, going to the movies with friends.*
- 12. Is there anything else you would like to add?**





# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021



**Braden Sweet**  
Valedictorian: 2020-2021

Braden is the son of Ryan and Amber Sweet. He plans to study nursing at Indiana Wesleyan University, while participating in cross country and track and field.

During his time at Southwood, Braden has been involved in numerous activities, including Peers Education Peers, Student Congress, Junior Leaders, 4-H, Superintendent Advisory Team, Wrestling, and National Honor Society.

As a 6-year member of FCA, Braden was named the Outstanding Christian Leader in 2020-2021. He is an active member of the LaFontaine Christian Church Youth Group and Youth Group Leadership Team.

Braden was named a Rising Star of Indiana for his academic excellence. His volunteer experience has included Special Olympics, Operation Elf, and the elementary school children’s shopping trip.

While Braden accomplished a great deal during his high school career, he will go down in the Southwood history books as a standout runner through Cross Country and Track & Field. Named the 2019 Indiana 1A Runner of Year and a two-time 1A All-State runner. He was also a two-time Regional Champion, and qualified for the State Cross Country meet twice, where he finished in the top 35 of the entire state each time. He also made the 2020 Cross Country All-Star Team.

In Track & Field, Braden was a 2019 State Qualifier in the 1600 meters, placing 12th in the state with a 4:19 mile time. He was also the 2021 Sectional Champion in the same event. Braden was named a Three Rivers Conference Scholar Athlete Award 2020-2021, along with many other awards and honors in his athletic career.



**Maggie Ball**  
Salutatorian: 2020-2021

Maggie is the daughter of Chad and Melissa Ball. As a Southwood student, Maggie has been very involved. Throughout high school she was a three-sport athlete, participating in Volleyball, Basketball, and Track & Field. She also participated in the Band and County Honors Band. Maggie was a part of Peers Educating Peers, National Honor Society, Senior Class Cabinet, Student Congress, Mayor’s Youth Council, and 4-H. She has volunteered with the Special Olympics track program.

For the 2021 summer Maggie plans to work at Ford Meter Box. In the fall she is attending Indiana Wesleyan University to study Pre-Occupational Therapy.

